

will. Both are Sioux women, and I think, on the whole, are more ambitious.

We have had a busy winter and spring. There was much sickness among old and young. Nine deaths since the fall is a heavy rate for the population. We feel our labor has not been in vain, and we trust the fruit may continue to life everlasting.

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**"MR. R. MCKAY WELCOMED TO OUR NEW MISSION."**

FROM MISS LAIDLAW.

Portage la Prairie Indian School, June 13, 1899.

The summer seems long in coming for there has been but little warm weather yet. All our children are well, and latest news from the hospital in Winnipeg says the doctors will not need to take Chaske's leg off, and we are so thankful it can be saved.

We were glad to welcome to Portage last week Mr. Robert McKay, who is to work among the Cree Indians at Long Plain, Indian ford and Swan Lake. He has made one trip already over the ground, and last Sabbath preached at Long Plain. He is pleased with the prospect ahead, and will, I am sure, prove a successful worker. He can speak the Cree language fluently, and that is a very necessary accomplishment when dealing with Indians.

Most of our Indians have been up at Brandon visiting their friends. For three Sabbaths David has been away and we have had no interpreter. However, this week we hope to see all home again.

The attendance on Sunday has increased, and we are much encouraged. There has not been a communion service this year. We expected Prof. Hart up, and hoped to have sacrament dispensed then, but he has not yet been able to come.

A few years ago some of the Indians saved a little money—about \$25—which Mr. A. D. Mackay kept, and now they are about to invest in some of the University lands offered for sale. The terms are very easy, and we are glad to see them alive to their own interests.

There have been few deaths recently at the Indian village, and all seem to have come through the long and severe winter very well. The village is looking at its best now, the gardens are all in, and the beautiful green around, together with the river flowing by, makes the village show to the very best advantage. We are glad to see even this improvement—and it is very marked—but we long for more zeal among them in the cause of Christ.

We had a visit from Principal McVicar, and enjoyed having him and hearing him preach.